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DIARY NOTES

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1. Emmett Echols advised me that Cal Deal, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, telephoned to ask for a current status report on our surplus personnel exercise. Emmett had quite properly declined to comment "off the cuff". However, I approved of his meeting with Mr. Deal and his talking frankly with him with the understanding that Mr. Deal would not give out information for public consumption that would be more than, or contrary to, our own official response to press inquiries. H

2. Matt Baird telephoned to say that a paper was en route from [REDACTED] 25X1A9a requesting training which would pre-empt both [REDACTED] until 25X1A2g about 1 August 1962. A little different paper arrived in the course of the day. However, it will, in effect, cancel out all scheduled training other than the JOT Program. I have told Matt that, since this training is almost exclusively for the Clandestine Services and in view of the high priority which Task Force W has, we should comply. I have asked him to draft an appropriate memorandum.

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3. Jim Garrison brought [REDACTED] along with him today to talk about Project [REDACTED]. The project seems to be going along quite well. One notional company is about to be surfaced which will necessitate getting a Board of Directors, etc. They have expanded their non-CIA business substantially but still not enough to satisfy me or to shed the light of day if they should ever be pursued by the Internal Revenue Service or others. I asked them to continue to work on this. I also approved in principle under this broad umbrella a firm which could handle real estate both domestically and abroad. I want to review the details of this before it goes forward. (In connection with this project, I have asked Jim Garrison to keep General Cabell in mind for a possible directorship in any of the companies which have such a requirement.)

4. Jim Garrison reported on his trip to Florida which all added up to the fact that he believed a logistics situation in support of Task Force W was well in hand.

5. Shef Edwards was in to point out that his workload was going up and that he could not take on anything else without more people. Specifically, we talked about the Special Clearance Security Control Center and the agreement which the Director is about to sign with NRO. Both of these will have manpower impact. I agreed to put [REDACTED] to work on this to deal primarily with the manpower,

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space, and budgetary problems as opposed to security. Shef Edwards pointed out that he was falling behind on his investigations and polygraph assignments. His staff told him that sixteen more investigators and five more polygraph operators were needed. In addition, he felt that he needed two people to carry on the Automatic Data Processing study and one additional receptionist as part of the program designed to seal off the DD/P area. I approved of his using four of the fourteen vacant positions in the counter-audio program. However, inasmuch as I anticipated that he should be able to give up five receptionist slots, I told him that he should take the rest of this requirement 'out of his head'.

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6. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that the requirements for secure speech communications equipment were increasing by the hour and equipment was extremely difficult to come by. Today he received a request from Pete Scoville which he felt should be given a high priority. I asked him to see whether he could not persuade Dr. Scoville to use the existing equipment in DPD for a short period. He will let me know if this is not acceptable.

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7. [REDACTED] was in to discuss with me two travel vouchers submitted by Shef Edwards and [REDACTED] in which they claimed the maximum per diem, including the extra \$10, for their European trip, despite the fact that some 40 per cent of the time was spent in Government quarters. I asked Les to discuss this with Col. Edwards first and then report back to me.

8. I had lunch with Kirk, and he explained to me how he expected to operate in his new capacity as Executive Director. It was clear that he expected to be at least a Chief of Staff, if not more. He believed that the practice which he has followed as IG in the use of Assistants was proper and, I believe, intended to let most of the present staff go elsewhere. He suggested that DD/S take over responsibility for operating the Director's Executive Mess. I declined and think that I persuaded him that no change should be made here, at least for the time being. I emphasized to Kirk that, since I did not have the responsibility for the Comptroller, the General Counsel, and the Audit Staff, I intended to exercise more influence over the remaining DD/S Offices. I requested his cooperation in routing correspondence and other matters through me unless speed was very important. He assured me that he would do this. I told him that I felt I had pretty firm control over all existing DD/S Offices except Training and Security, and that his cooperation was particularly desired in this regard. He pledged his cooperation and told me that Mr. Baird was in frequent communication with him concerning the JOT Program and other matters. He assured me, however, that he would bring to my attention any matters he thought required action. I thanked him and told him that it was not news to me that he and Matt were in frequent communication without my knowledge.

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